

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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GENE E. BARTLETT  
OLIVER DEW. CUMMINGS  
GLENN E. HANNEMAN

May 1st  
1954

Dear Kirby:

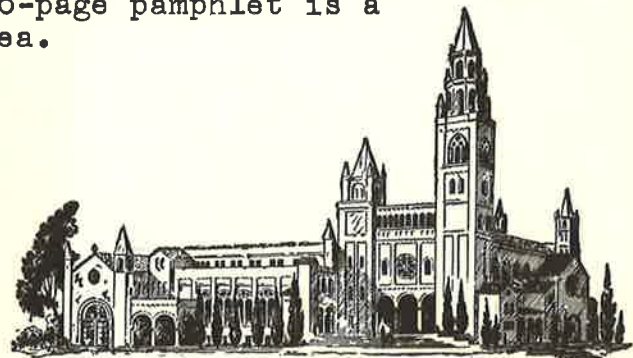
Several days have gone by since your special delivery, outlining your concern for a spiritual awakening crusade. Since then I have your second letter inviting nine of us to collaborate on a pamphlet.

Let me speak of the pamphlet first. Frankly, my first inclination was that I cannot take on more. There are some writing commitments hanging over me now which make it unwise to take on others. However, I must confess that the sheer priority of the subject has made it difficult for me to get around it! Unless this subject can be explored anything else we are doing becomes rather irrelevant. Therefore, I am indicating my readiness to sit with the group if they and you so desire. The day would have to be Fridays for me, and I have so indicated on the fact sheet.

In regard to the idea of a spiritual crusade: My first reaction comes from remembering the number of crusades for various things which come to my attention almost daily. This is not to discourage or to disparage the idea, but to emphasize that it has to have some way of injecting itself into the thinking of people already very busy. We should hope that it would be used by the spirit of God in ways beyond our knowledge and understanding, and I am sure it will. On the other hand, it seems imperative for us to use every judgment and not to spurn the necessity of strategy.

To this end I would suggest the following:

1. I am concerned and ready to be led where the next step will take us.
2. It would be well to contact men in various denominations asking them to be responsible for:
  - a. an article in their denominational paper.
  - b. a resolution at the next national gathering of their group.
3. We do need some specific guidance which can be shared with other people. It seems to me that this 96-page pamphlet is a logical sequence to the earlier idea.



May 1, 1954

4. Beyond this I am not able to go at the moment, but I believe we shall find the way. So much that we have to do in modern churches takes just as much time as things that are important! Perhaps this is one of the great contributions of such a crusade. It will lead us to work the extraneous through the things that are central. At any rate, the very nature of the times leaves us feeling that this may be a "last reprieve."

Thank you for writing. I shall be glad to know what reaction you get from the other men.

Sincerely,



May 1, 1954.

Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to the following individuals:

Rev. Gene E. Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles  
Mrs. Helen Beardsley, Congregationalist, Los Angeles  
Rev. Maurice Caldwell, Belvedere Church of God, Los Angeles  
Rev. Russell E. Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier  
Mrs. Olivia Davis, Society of Friends, San Diego  
Rev. John W. Flucke, Morningside Evan. and Ref. Church, Inglewood  
Rev. Wesley P. Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena  
Rev. Allan A. Hunter, Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church  
Rev. Albert E. Jenkins, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier  
Rev. Robert B. McAulay, First Presbyterian Church, Orange  
Rev. Galen B. Ogden, First Church of the Brethren, La Verne  
Rev. Ray W. Ragsdale, Westwood Methodist Church  
Rev. Carl W. Segarhammar, Angelica Lutheran Church, Los Angeles  
Rev. Frederick B. Trotter, First Methodist Church, Alhambra

My suggestion is that the fifteen of us collaborate on a small book, to be published collectively, under some such title as: THE WILL OF GOD: How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It? - and that we invite Bishop Gerald Kennedy to write an Introduction for it.

You are invited to meet with as many of the above persons as can attend on Friday, June 4th, from 9 A. M. until we have concluded, not later than 4 P. M., at the Methodist Headquarters Building, 125 East Sunset Boulevard, across from the Union Station, Los Angeles. You are further requested to put down the date of Friday, June 25th, from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., at the same place, for revision of the written sections, before turning the manuscript over to an editing committee of Ray Ragsdale and Gene Bartlett for preparation for publication.

At the meeting on June 4th we should agree upon an outline for the book and assign sections to various individuals. These draft sections to be mailed to all cooperating members by June 14th, in plenty of time for consideration before the revision meeting on June 25th.

A book of 128 pages in paper covers can retail for one dollar, and allow commissions to bookstores and cover costs of promotion. A bid from a local printer makes it clear that the paper edition can be printed for 15 to 18 cents, depending upon the number printed. My suggestion is that we ask the Methodist Publishing House if they will assume responsibility for publishing the book, and furnish IMPRINT EDITIONS to other denominational publishing houses at approximate cost of printing, in order to give them a margin for promotion. The cloth edition at \$2.00 would make possible a substantial margin for promotion. If we turn the manuscript over to the publisher by July 5th, copies of the paper edition at least can be delivered to the various publishing houses and bookstores by September 6th, thus making the book available for use in the fall months.

In order to save time and provide a basis for discussion, I am enclosing a TENTATIVE outline upon which I have expended much energy. Please study this critically and be prepared for the discussion on June 4th.

Expectantly,

May 6, 1954.

Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to the following individuals:

Rev. Gene E. Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles  
Mrs. Helen Beardsley, Congregationalist, Los Angeles - *No*  
Rev. Russell E. Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier  
Mrs. Olivia Davis, Society of Friends, San Diego - *No*  
Rev. John W. Flucke, Morningside Evan. and Ref. Church, Inglewood  
Rev. Wesley P. Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena  
Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson, Bay Shore Com. Congre. Ch., Long Beach  
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Expectantly,



P. O. BOX 485  
NASHVILLE 2, TENNESSEE

May 3, 1954

Dear Dr. Page,

Your last order of 100 HOW TO PRAY and 100 LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND should have reached you by now.

We have about 2,000 and a few more copies of LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND in stock, and are reprinting right now on HOW TO PRAY. 5,000 of the latter are all gone. With limited amount of promotion and follow up, we think the books are going very well. I am certain that they are being a real help to those who read them, which is even more important.

Regards to Mrs. Page.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George".

George Harper

100 of each book at 25¢ ea. -- \$50.  
That's your bill on the last order.

# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

9 NORTH ALMANSOR STREET  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA  
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FRED B. TROTTER, MINISTER

May 5, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

My dear Dr. Page:

My husband has been ill and unable to take care  
of his correspondence.

I find two letters from you which should have  
been answered and I just want you to know the  
reason for the delay and to assure you that Dr.  
Trotter will give attention to these matters as  
soon as he is able.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hazel T. Trotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "H" and a long, sweeping "T".

Hazel T. Trotter

HT-gk

FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
of  
LONG BEACH

Emerson G. Hangen, Minister

Telephone  
6-2256

241 CEDAR AVENUE  
Long Beach 2, California

May 6, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

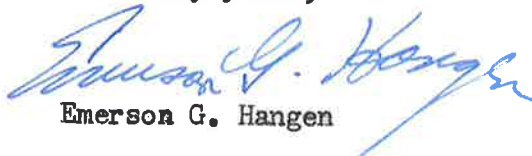
Dear Dr. Page:

I would like to invite you to occupy the pulpit of our church at our morning services on July 4th of this year. I hope you are free this day to accept this invitation.

As you probably know, our church has two services, one at 9:30 and the other at 11 o'clock. These are duplicate services so the same sermon is preached both times. I will be east attending the meeting of the General Council of our denomination, but my associate will be in the pulpit to lead in the services. The honorarium is \$50.

I hope you can find it possible to be with us on this occasion and I would appreciate your letting me know just as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

  
Emerson G. Hangen

EGH:gc

*Christian Patriotism*

*Gal 5:13-18, 22-26*

J. 6 - 54

Dear Kirby:

The outline has come & it seems to me a very readable one for the title suggested - I feel that I didn't fully realize the purpose of this group and that some one else would be more useful - ~~some one~~ more experienced in thinking thru & writing these things -

I had thought that a group of us would meet from time to time over quite a period to consider the question of how to gain wisdom & to achieve will -

& if anything came forth that seemed  
as if it should be set down - we could  
set it down - I would not feel competent  
to produce anything I could set my  
name too - so quickly - I move &  
think slowly - ~~too~~ in that area

So - my love & blessing  
to you all - but I am not the person  
for this project - I would love to be  
write you <sup>if I were useful</sup> but I could not be one of the  
producers - & so not a co-author -  
perhaps - Proctor Warren could help - his new experience  
Best wishes - & many thanks

x I hope to see you soon -

David

has given him much, that I feel he  
wants to "could say"

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May 6, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I have just now gotten an answer from Frank Matthews.  
He will be in the meeting Saturday. Bob Price had expected to  
attend but just phoned he cannot come. I'll be there at 9:00.

Cordially,



Frank S. Williams

FSW:dm

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May 6, 1954

Dear Kirby and Mrs. Page,

I am indeed sorry that I cannot be with the group these next two Saturdays as I had planned

The excuses of home which Jesus ran into in his enlistment of others have overtaken me and I cannot seem to help it. We recently purchased and moved into a home, having received the privilege of renting the parsonage, but the alterations and rehabilitation necessary has kept my wife at a terrific task in getting it in livable shape. I feel morally bound not to take additional time away from her at the few opportunities available for my own help to her. I tried planning to take other days off during the week, but obligations have piled up, and I haven't worked out anything satisfactory to anybody. Anyway, I must not forsake her now until we get the home into livable shape.

I am deeply interested in the plans we have had, and a group in the Church, as you know, is anxious to proceed. I see nothing that would prevent our doing something significant for our people this fall through such an effort. No doubt, I will profit by the discussions and insights of your Saturday experiences, and will be getting in touch with some who go, perhaps you or Ray Ragsdale, to learn helpful suggestions for procedure.

My prayers and every good wish to you and the group that comes.

Expectantly,

*Clark Robbins*

Dr. Edwards and Dr. Palmer could not get away on Saturdays, but were interested in the developing plans, and want to be kept informed of possibilities.

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May 6th

Dear Kirby,

We have sent out some 900,000 leaflets and cards. If you care to use either of the two enclosed in your meetings let me know how many you wish. On second thought I will enclose a card and two leaflets.

God's richest blessing rest upon you and all your

good works,

Jerome Davis

First Presbyterian Church  
Orange, California

ROBERT BURNS McAULAY, D. D., Pastor

May 7, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I am tremendously interested in each one of the ideas expressed in your recent letters. The reason you haven't heard from me is because my program has been hit and miss. After Easter I tried to be away for a week. The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Seminary takes two days this next week. I am going as a commissioner to General Assembly the week after next, to be gone presumably at least ten days or two weeks. My time is scarcely my own.

I want to come tomorrow, but I am not sure that I can. I will need to be back for a funeral service at two. We are receiving new members on Sunday morning, and I am trying to change an appointment to meet with some of them, to late Saturday afternoon rather than in the morning as originally planned.

I am sorry I can't be there the 15th on account of being away the larger part of next week and leaving Sunday. You will understand. If I don't see you tomorrow I will be getting in touch with you as soon as possible after I return from Detroit.

Cordially,



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May 7, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

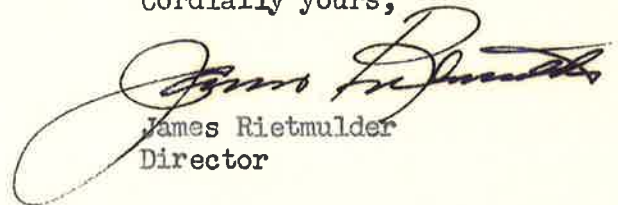
You're a very patient author. Long before this I had expected some follow-up note from you.

We have been holding on to your manuscript longer than is our practice because we do not want to come to any hasty decision on it. May we have just a little bit more time? It's now out with another reader representing one of the possible large segments of interest.

Our problem, as you probably know, is primarily one of guessing whether there will be a sufficient market for this kind of treatment of Sherwood Eddy to support publication.

Someplace or other I picked up the rumor that your own autobiography was about to be published or at least was ready for publication. Is this rumor well-founded?

Cordially yours,



James Rietmulder  
Director

JR:rz

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311 SOUTH BROADWAY  
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

OSCAR M. NEWBY  
MINISTER

OFFICE PHONE  
5-5153

7 May 1954

Dear Kirby:

I am disheartened over the lack of response to your invitation to ministers to sit down & talk next Monday at 4. The Methodist ministers to the north are all busy. And I have had no response from Lompoc and Santa Barbara to the South. All of the Presbyterians in the County ~~are~~<sup>will be</sup> in some kind of a conference. Net result — there are only 2, + possibly 3, Santa Maria pastors who would join me at 4 on Monday to hear you! 2 or 3 more might

(over)

be available on May 17. I  
suggest that we call off May 10  
& set up a ~~very~~ supper meeting  
on May 17. We could gather at  
5<sup>30</sup> - eat & talk & then have  
the evening session at 7<sup>30</sup>.

Please phone Santa Maria 5-5753 on  
Sunday night (<sup>reverse</sup> ~~collect~~ <sup>charged</sup>) if you  
wish to hold the May 10, 4 to 6  
meeting as scheduled. Otherwise  
I will cancel it, & plan with you on  
Monday for the 17th.

Sincerely  
Oscar

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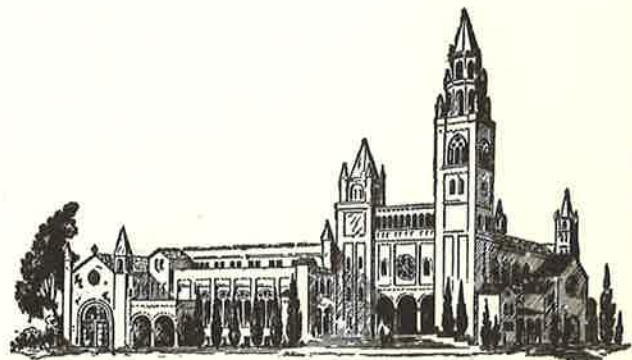
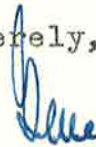
GENE E. BARTLETT  
OLIVER DEW. CUMMINGS  
GLENN E. HANNEMAN

May 7th  
1954

Dear Kirby:

I have written in the date of June 4 and hope to be with you at the Methodist headquarters for that day. However, June 25 will be out since I am due that day in Green Lake, Wisconsin for the beginning of a theological conference. In the light of this it would probably be better to have someone else on the editing committee. But I will be glad to be there on the 4th of June.

Sincerely,



ROBERT I. CADIGAN, Editor  
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May 7, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Because of our very full schedule, the editors find that we are unable to use your manuscript, "Prayer Retreats are Power Houses." We are, therefore, returning it to you in the event you wish to submit it elsewhere.

We do appreciate your remembering Presbyterian Life, and we hope that you will continue to send us items which you think we will be able to use.

Sincerely yours,

*Eleanor Drummond*

Mrs. Braxton Drummond  
Assistant to Mr. Cadigan

ED:bj  
Enc.

1907 Escarp Drive  
Los Angeles 41  
May 7, 1954

Dear Kirby,

Please forgive me for not answering your earlier letter about the book. Things at home and events in the world have kept me from writing, except for a one-way correspondence with Mr. Dulles, Sen. Knowland, etc., on which I've expended much time.

I think this is a very valuable project and one greatly needed. But I do not think I should be a part of it. I do not think that I have very much to contribute - that is the first reason. The second is that I am sure I ought not to add anything <sup>this summer</sup> to the varied responsibilities which I already have and which I am not meeting well enough, as it is.

Because I know it would be a rich and deepening experience to join you and the others in this work, I regret that it doesn't seem right for me to do it. I do feel very grateful to you for including me.

With affectionate greetings and  
best wishes to you and Alma,

P.S. I'm returning the outline Helen.  
so that you can use it again.

May 8, 1954.

Dear Earl:

Many thanks for your nice letter. I expect to be finished with the bulk of my correspondence by the end of the summer; also with the file of the World Tomorrow and with a full set of my books and pamphlets. That will be as soon as anyone will be ready to begin work on the material. There is no hurry and we can <sup>wait</sup> until you have just the right candidate for a degree to work on it.

You may have for your library as much of my correspondence as seems to have any value. What I have done year after year is place answered correspondence in a drawer of my desk, and when the drawer was filled up, I tied the material in a bundle. Much of it has not been examined for fifteen to twenty years. Much of it would be irrelevant. I would be glad to have someone you designate, select that part of it which you would like to have stored at your library.

By all means bring out a group at some convenient time for a day of prayer and conversation. We are to be gone from September 20th to November 12th. It seems that the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ is giving me some sort of citation at Miami at the end of October.

The prospects for the all-day prayer retreats ~~are~~ really thrilling.

Cordially,

**COUNCIL OF CHURCHES -**  
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING  
Redlands, California

May 8, 1954

Dear Br. Page:-

Your letter about a "Spiritual Exploration"  
came this morning.

I expect to have a chance to broach the matter  
with our ministers of Redlands the latter part of  
next week.

Sincerely,

*Frank W. Adams*

I heard colored youth sing - Earth  
has no sorrow, heaven cannot  
wish you could hear him. Hal.

Berea, Kentucky  
May 9, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.  
Dear Mr. Page:

You may recall my  
writing you quite some time ago.  
I just read an article "I saw a  
miracle in Tom Hall" in Feb. 14  
issue of Christian Evangelist. There  
has been several miracle performed  
by the Great Physician in my  
life but the greatest was when I  
learned there is, still a true and  
Living God and that the Bible is  
really the Word of God and Jesus  
included me when He gave  
orders to "Search the Scriptures for  
in them ye think ye have eternal  
life, and they are they which testify  
of me." He also included those  
who will but He particularly inter-  
ested in parents searching the  
Scriptures and teaching their

children to become acquainted  
with God and the Army of the Lord  
that could help children to learn  
how to live an "abundant life",  
here and now and eternal life  
hereafter. Scripture tells us "This  
is life, eternal, to know the  
only true and living God and Jesus  
Christ whom He has sent. Jesus  
also said ye shall be my witnesses"  
We could not say well witness for  
some one we had never met could  
we? God knows that and that is  
the reason He inspired man to  
write the Bible and told us to  
"search, study to show our selves  
approved unto God workmen that  
needeth not to be ashamed rightly  
dividing the word of Truth. Paul  
says the Holy Scripture is able  
to make the wise unto salvation"  
and that All Scripture is given by  
inspiration of God and is Profit-  
able for doctrine, reproof, correc-  
tion and instruction in righteousness  
that the man of God may be.

perfect, thoroughly furnished into  
very good work.

The world seems thoroughly  
furnished with very evil works  
very weapons to destroy the earth  
and mind, soul, spirit of child-  
ren, youth, adults. Comics,  
fairy tales, filthy magazines  
books, movies.

I am indeed grateful to our  
Heavenly Father to learn there  
are people who really believe that  
all Scripture is profitable to-  
day and contains complete in-  
structions for salvation of body  
mind, soul, spirit.

I read what others said about  
the Bible and Jesus, Paul, Peter  
and about prayer but none of  
them inspired me to read  
what Jesus, Peter, Paul said,  
or to begin in prayer. Jesus  
included me and you, when He  
said "You ought always to pray

and not to faint and Paul also  
included us when He said, he  
prayed for the churches and told  
us to, "Hear not to pray."  
Moses, Elijah, Daniel, <sup>3</sup>Companions  
Esther & maids, Jesus & His ap-  
tles fasted and prayed and were  
everywhere, preaching and teach-  
ing the "Words of the Lord." Amos  
prophecied, There would be a  
famine - hungering & thirsting  
for the "Words of the Lord." My mind  
& soul was almost famished  
for the "Words of the Lord" when an  
angel told me to tune my radio  
and I heard the announcer, adver-  
tise Bible correspondence course,  
and I heard Kings Heralds Quartet  
sing "Lift up the trumpet & loud  
let it ring, Jesus Is Coming.  
Again & Hear To The Heart  
of God. And when H.M.S. Richards  
prayed as though He were talk-  
ing to a living God who could  
hear and answer prayer. I  
thought people who could sing

pray, preach like they did must know God was real and the Bible really Holy and the Word of God so I decided rather was led by the Holy Spirit to enroll in the Bible correspondence course. I had only studied a few lessons when I realized they were what my mind and soul had craved since a child. They were like manna from heaven. I realized I had merely existed for more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  century, fed my mind & soul on "rocks" stones, empty words, philosophy & traditions, imaginations of men.

We are told that truth is our best weapon against communism. Scripture is called the "Sword of the Spirit", and that is the only weapon God commands in. Christ of course, gave us orders to use.

Jesus our Captain gave us orders  
to "search the Scripture" and "Go  
into all the world and preach the  
Gospel (Scripture) to every creature".  
Teaching them to observe all  
things what-so-ever I Jesus  
Prince of Peace" commanded you  
He commanded us to love our  
enemies, Confront them, not  
kill them. He also, told us  
pray for our enemies. Evangel-  
ism is my weapon & Truth  
God told us to use. He has  
told in Scripture that "My Word  
is life and truth, light and  
Jesus says, "I am the way and  
the truth and the life, no man  
cometh unto the Father but by me."  
"If ye continue in my words,  
then are ye my disciples indeed  
and shall know the truth  
and the truth shall make you  
free." If ye abide in me and  
my words abide in you, you  
shall ask what you will and it  
shall be done unto you."

There are those who write books  
 we pray and tell people if you  
 abide in them (believe) and their  
 words that ask what you will  
 and it shall be done. I have  
 read their words & heard <sup>some</sup> some  
 of them, but none of them in-  
 spired me to pray or to  
 search and believe in Jesus  
 and His words.

Anyone who thinks his <sup>own</sup> his  
 words are superior to Jesus  
 and His words, has an exalt-  
ed opinion of themselves.

That is what the founder of  
 falsely so-called Christian  
 Science & Unity - Mary Baker  
 Eddy - Myrtle Fillmore, did.

Mrs. Eddy said "Mind is god,  
 lord, ~~Mrs~~ Myrtle & Charles Fill-  
 more said ego was god & both  
 said the Bible contained errors  
 of mental mind, contradictions  
 fables, allegories. Jesus, Paul, Peter

also Gods Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah  
----- warned us of deceivers  
false & anti christ, so of the say-  
ers, false prophets, who would  
try to deceive the whole world.

I know of a unity student @  
who wrote articles for unity ma-  
gazine who committed suicide  
and another who lived an im-  
moral life for years & read  
unity, brood & died miserable.  
Contemplated suicide. Is it  
any wonder that someone  
said said religion in America  
was just an opiate & a racket.

All isms are false & anti  
christ where ministers & all  
their flock do not search the  
Scripture and accept Jesus as  
personal Saviour & Example  
in all things. At the age of 12  
Jesus astounded the so-called  
wise men & religious leaders  
with His knowledge of the Scripture.

There are many today who  
seem to think we have outgrown

all of the Bible & some only accept  
 the New Testament but Paul said:  
All Scripture Is Inspired of God  
 and Is Profitable and Jesus  
 said: A foolish and slow heart  
 to believe all that Moses and  
 the Prophets have said." Those  
 who write in magazines & Books  
 in past century & today want  
 us to believe all they say & write  
 and is that not the reason there  
 is so much confusion, chaos  
 & wonderment, disillusionment?  
 We are told to "Believe in the  
 Lord Jesus Christ & His Words."  
 Jesus was God manifested in the  
 flesh. The Word became flesh &  
 dwelt among us 33 1/2 years.  
 He it is those who have tried  
 to deny the Divinity of Christ  
 and Inspiration & Infallibility  
 of Scripture and not obeyed Jesus  
 own word to search the Scrip-  
 ture & trust for Him in Word.

dead, live & go into all the world  
& preach, teach, heal, cast out  
demons, feed the hungry, clothe  
the naked etc. that are respon-  
sible for all the ists, wars  
wars.

The money America & England  
spent in 1949 would have  
fed, clothed, housed, educated  
Christianized the whole world.

God is no respecter of persons or  
nations. Blessed is the place-  
maker. Blessed is the nation whose  
God is the Lord. The nation and  
the kingdom that will not serve thee  
shall perish: yea, they shall be  
utterly wasted."

Scripture speaks of the second  
coming of Christ as our Blessed  
Hope. His appearing of  
our Great God Lord & Saviour Jesus  
Christ.

According to all Scripture  
and world conditions we are  
living in what Scripture refers  
to as "end of world" Time and

last days: and we are warned to be  
 ye then are ready for we know  
 not the day nor the hour but all  
 things point to soon return.

The 7th Day Adventists have tried  
 like Noah <sup>when</sup> to warn the world to  
 prepare ye the way of the Lord.

I challenge anyone to find a  
 group of people who have come  
 any nearer hiding all of Gods  
 word in their hearts & minds and  
 using as a lamp unto their feet &  
 light unto their path, than S.D.A.  
 Or preaching like Moses & the  
 Prophets & singing like angels  
 & praying with out ceasing.

Children taught to keep all of  
 Gods commandments & obey  
 their parents & Parents obey God  
 so are worthy of respect & obedience.

Adventist youth are taught  
 that homes should be a "bit of  
 heaven" on earth & that their

bodies are "temples of God", holy.  
+ we should glorify God in word  
deed, life. Have you read the  
book "Your friends the Adventists"  
by Arthur D. Mayhew P. The  
Seventh-Day Adventists are the  
best friends God and Man have  
on this earth. They teach people  
to worship God + lose their  
neighbors! Adventists around the  
world studied past three months  
in Sabbath Schools the theme -  
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publish such lessons. This  
Quarter the theme is "Love"  
+ based on 1 Cor. 13, 1-2-3 John +  
all Scripture on that blessed  
theme. John 3:16 :: :: :: ::

Only people who have been  
inspired by Gods Holy Spirit  
Baptized with + led by Holy  
Spirit could have prepared  
such lessons + written + publish  
ed Millions of books, magazines  
tracts ---

May 24 - 13. Attend S. D. A.  
Intel Conference  
San Francisco

I pray if you have any denominational or intellectual pride or prejudice against the Seventh Day Adventists you will ask

God to remove it all and unite with us and use your time, talent, energy to help warm America to be ready for the soon return of "Prince of Peace"

Adventist have Bible correspondence courses for children, youth, soldiers, Fourth course. I never had any conception of real meaning of faith until Adventist taught me, my prayer.

I thought prayer was words ministers & few elders said in Sun. A.M. or at funerals, or priests said at Mass. How & where did Jesus pray? He was our example in all things & Bible our text!

Book - Guide

Prayer fully  
Mrs. Anna Maharg

Are you acquainted with H. M. S. Richards,  
and, Arthur S. Maxwell, if not  
hope you will contact them.

Would be glad to know what  
you think of what I have said  
I feel was led by Holy Spirit to  
write. If you have children, they  
would be helped by contact with

D.D.C. youth also your voice  
be inspired by D.D.C. literature

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May 9, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
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La Habra, California

Dear Kirby,

I want to thank you for your invitation to the meeting at First Church, San Diego, on May 28th. I will certainly be there if it is at all possible. My schedule is very heavy at the present time leading up to our Annual Conference.

Very sincerely yours,  
  
Maurice G. Ballenger

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May 10, 1954

Dear Kirby,

I enclose herewith <sup>three</sup> ~~two~~ pamphlets and a postal. We provide these free. If you want to have some that you can send out in your letters just tell us how many you desire.

As I was having my ~~morning~~ devotions this morning after listening to the radio which said that the President was preparing to urge universal military conscription, it seemed to me that it would be a wonderful thing if we could have a team of social evangelists go across the country speaking. I think this would do many things that one would not do. In the first place, it would get us more dates, it would draw more people and it would win more to Christ.

For the cumulative effect of several might be irresistable to the doubting Thomases! Now I know that you are probably tied up now so am I and I have dates nearly all summer long. But why could we not plan some time in the future to join forces and bring in anyone else you think would be good for a team of three and really make a dent in the social consciousness of our time? With such a team the papers would never ignore us nor the American Legion either, for that matter!

Any way think this suggestion over and pray about it.

Yours,



Jerome Davis

May 10, 1954.

Dear Mr. Rietmilder:

Take all the time you need for a decision.

There is a bare possibility that Sherwood would be willing to purchase copies for friends and libraries. I have not talked with him about this, but you may want to approach him. He is expected back from his trip in about ten days, and will be passing through New York.

If it will make any difference, no royalties need be paid to me.

Yes, I am about half-way along on my autobiography. Harper has expressed interest in it, but I have no assurance that they will want to publish it. Some of these days I may be sending it for your consideration.

Cordially,

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Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Dr. Page:

I think our editor, N.R. Howard, has written you saying The News is discontinuing your column.

While these things are inevitable, I suppose, in an ever changing business such as ours, it always strikes a note of sadness with me, like the parting of old friends.

Enclosed you'll find the columns we didn't use. I only hope you'll find places for them in many other papers.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



William Dinwoodie  
Church Editor



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May 11, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I wrote about twenty letters inviting some of our ministers to meet with you in retreat and in consideration of the suggested subject, the meeting to be from ten to four on Friday, May 21. I hope you have received some cards. I enclosed a card addressed to you asking for reservations and added a word that when the card was received by you, you in turn would mail to the person an outline map indicating how to find your house. I also mentioned the luncheon at fifty cents.

I have the other word about the two dates concerning the proposed pamphlet. I appreciate being included and will be among those present. I regret however that I am already committed on June 25 to be in one of our young peoples conferences. I will do what I can prior to that date.

We are looking forward to a fine day on May 21.

Cordially yours,

*Wesley*  
Wesley P. Ford

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May 11, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby Page:

We are planning a conference for October or November 1954 on the theme "Reconciliation." Our conference committee agreed that you would be the best person to keynote this conference.

Since that time I have learned from John Swomley that you will be in the East this fall under A.F.S.C. auspices, but that you are almost completely booked up.

Is there any possibility that you could accept our invitation for the conference? It will be held in Boston on a Friday or Saturday. We would appreciate it greatly if you could squeeze it in, perhaps at the beginning or end of your already scheduled tour.

Our conference last year was aimed primarily at students and non-pacifists, and our audience of over 200 was primarily composed of such people. We hope to attract a similar audience this time.

Sincerely,

*Richard D. Hathaway*  
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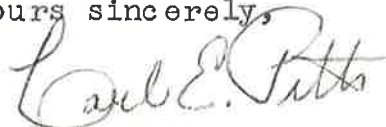
Dear Dr. Page:

As assistant editor to FRONT RANK, a publication of the Disciples of Christ with about 80,000 circulation, I have the obligation of selecting and contracting for new articles. I do not know what your obligations are at this time, but thought I would write you concerning an article for FRONT RANK. Knowing some of your background, we feel you are the person to do it.

The article we have in mind might be entitled, "The Christian and the Business World." Its purpose is to point out some of the difficulties of being Christian in business with the hope that our readers may have a clearer insight into this everyday concern. Rather than describe the article in detail, I thought I would first give you a general idea and then find out if you could do it. We pay three-fourths cent per word and this article should be about 1700 words long. Since it is timeless, I think we could set the deadline at your convenience.

I am enclosing with this letter a self-addressed envelope to facilitate your reply. Hoping that it will be favorable, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Carl E. Pitts  
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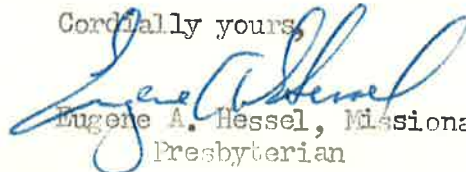
Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Jolla  
California

Dear Mr. Page:

The Christian Century in a December issue (I'm on vacation and just catching up with periodical reading) refers to the fact that you are prepared to send free a weekly column entitled "Living with Peace of Mind". One of the members of our church publishes the leading Chinese newspaper of the Philippines. Each issue contains a Christian page, although 90% of his readers are Buddhist. I should like to interest him in using your materials. Could you, therefore, send me samples and information concerning this service.

I believe I mentioned to you once that you turned me into a confirmed Christian pacifist at Asilomar, Christmas, 1927 (or was it '28) when I was a freshman in college. During the war, we decided to change from the pastorate to the mission field to make our witness more pointed. Amongst our rewarding moments have been entertaining Muriel Lester twice. She was with us in our home all of last Christmas season just before her recent trip to the U.S. Why don't you pay us a visit, too? The Orient needs more than ever your witness!

Cordially yours,

  
Eugene A. Hessel, Missionary  
Presbyterian

So. Calif. Walter Rauschenbusch Fellowship Dinner-Program

SATURDAY 15 MAY at REDLANDS  
4 p.m. In New First Baptist Church (Cajon & Olive Streets)  
"Ideas in Rauschenbusch Letters to my Father"-

Prof. Wm. Umbach

"If 'WR' Were Living Today"-Dr. D. R. Sharpe of Cleveland  
6:15 Dinner (1.04) at U.R. Commons (near chapel) Special  
features. "An Evaluation of our U.S. Foreign Policy"-Kirby  
Page (noted writer-lecturer-world traveller-preacher).  
Adjourn 8:45. A committee from First Bapt, Council of  
Churches & Univ. makes plans and extends cordial welcome to  
our Fellowship. Meal reservations are essential. From  
Claremont & East write or phone (Reds 4-5378) Milton Dan-  
ielson, First Bapt Church Reds. L.A. area phone Roberts  
(RE 2-2606), Cocks (AL 2730), Seaman (SY 4-8062) or write  
R. Fellowship, 1863 E. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena 7 before  
noon Thursday 13th. Thank you heartily.  
Chrys Ueda Ishiguro, secretary - Martha Miller, president

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May 13, 1954



"Calling Humanity to God"

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I should like to make a reservation for Mr. Lauren West and myself for the Disciples Ministers Prayer Retreat at your home Friday, May 21st. Mrs. Dickinson would like very much to come with me. I am not sure that the ministers' wives were included in the invitation, so I am enclosing a self-addressed postal card. Will you please let me know if it is all right for her to attend, and if so please make a reservation for luncheon for her.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of being with you and the group.

Sincerely yours,

*Hoke S. Dickinson*  
Hoke S. Dickinson  
Minister

HSD/dw  
Enc.

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MAY 13, 1954



Charles W. Severns, Minister

MR. KIRBY PAGE  
Box 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

DEAR KIRBY:

I HAVE YOUR LETTER OF MAY 5 REGARDING THE MEETING IN THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ON MAY 28TH. I CANNOT SAY FOR SURE THAT I WILL BE THERE, BECAUSE MRS. SEVERNS AND I ARE TAKING TWO WEEKS OF VACATION, STARTING MAY 21ST, AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT WE WILL BE OUT OF SAN DIEGO ON THE 28TH. HOWEVER, IF I AM IN TOWN, I WILL CERTAINLY PLAN TO BE THERE.

A LETTER FROM WES FORD HAS INFORMED ME OF A SIMILAR MEETING TO BE HELD IN PASADENA ON MAY 20, I BELIEVE IT IS, AND AGAIN IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE THERE.

SINCERELY,

CHARLES W. SEVERNS

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Kirby Page  
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La Habra, California

Dear Kirby Page:

Enclosed is a biographical sketch which we will be sending out to our regions shortly. Since it only goes up as far as 1946, we are hoping that you will be able to bring it up to date for us. Please let us have this as soon as possible because our regional men have to do their promotional work months in advance.

We have a few old photos of you here, and are wondering if these are still okay. If not, please send us newer ones as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help with this.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Tannanbaum*

Patricia Tannanbaum  
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5/14/54

Dear Kirby Page,

As I remarked over the phone:  
you have done a tremendous piece  
of work already in the formation  
of the outline.

Of necessity my wife & I  
will be away from May 30 until  
July 1, and then again for  
counseling at one of our camps  
for 10 days beginning July 11.

If you think I can be  
of any help under these  
circumstances, fine. If not,  
perhaps I & our church can  
cooperate in the program  
& I can help personally some  
other time

ours

In love & you & us  
Page

Family

W. E. Jacobs

# Praying With Our Thinking

Los Angeles, California  
May 14, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

We are happy that you will be able to give a talk to the Los Angeles Division of our CFO Group at the June meeting. Confirmed below is the information as to time and place which I gave you over the telephone last evening:

DATE: Saturday June 12, 1954 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Echo Park Methodist Church  
1266 North Alvarado Street (1 block north of Sunset)  
Los Angeles, California

About 6 o'clock a "potluck dinner" is served, which is followed by a singfest from 7 to 7:30. We shall be glad to have you and anyone else accompanying you join us at this meal. Our meetings usually disperse about 8:30 or 9 o'clock.

The thought comes to me that you may wish to bring along some books for sale, if available. Or perhaps this might be more conveniently handled through Miss Marie Wolfe, in charge of our booktable. Her address and telephone: 4121 $\frac{1}{4}$  Eagle Rock Boulevard, Los Angeles; CLeveland 6-7928.

We shall appreciate if you can let us know before the end of this month the title for your talk, and the same theme will be used throughout the day's activities. It is the intention to publicize the meeting to other groups to enable those from other areas to avail themselves of this fine opportunity.

We wish to again express appreciation to you.

Cordially yours,

*Bertha von Stein*

(Mrs. Bertha von Stein)

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So. Calif. Walter Rauschenbusch Fellowship Dinner-Program

SATURDAY 15 MAY at REDLANDS

4 p.m. In New First Baptist Church (Cajon & Olive Streets)

"Ideas in Rauschenbusch Letters to my Father"

Prof. Wm. Umbach

"If 'WR' Were Living Today"-Dr. D. R. Sharpe of Cleveland  
6:15 Dinner (1.04) at U.R. Commons (near chapel) Special  
features. "An Evaluation of our U.S. Foreign Policy"-Kirby

Page (noted writer-lecturer-world traveller-preacher).

Adjourn 8:45. A committee from First Bapt, Council of  
Churches & Univ. makes plans and extends cordial welcome to  
our Fellowship. Meal reservations are essential. From  
Claremont & East write or phone (Reds 4-5378) Milton Dan-  
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(RE 2-2606), Cocks (AL 2730), Seaman (SY 4-8062) or write  
R. Fellowship, 1863 E. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena 7 before  
noon Thursday 13th. Thank you heartily.

Chrys Ueda Ishiguro, secretary - Martha Miller, president

K-A. This is 25. 30 min. address.  
no min. disc.

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

DONALD K. BLACKIE, Pastor

344 West Florence Avenue

(Reformed Church in America)

Los Angeles 3, California

May 15, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, California.

*June 14 2 PM*

Dear Dr. Page,

The current Peace Service Bulletin mentions your services. I am yet confused on the pacifist issue, due largely to the position of Romans 12 and 13, and the action of Jesus as recorded in Mark 11:15, 16 (the words "drive", "overturned", and "he would not allow"...) Also there are some of the usual practical questions which arise in my mind.

I am wondering if it is possible for me to meet you at a place of your choosing in L.A. or at your home early some afternoon during the week of June 14th. I would like about 2 hours of your time, if it is at all possible. If this is not a convenient time for you, please suggest other dates. And thank you so very much.

Very sincerely yours,

*Donald K. Blackie*

# ANGELICA LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOS ANGELES 6, CALIFORNIA

May 15, 1954

CARL SEGERHAMMAR, Pastor

Mr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Brother:

I have your letter relative to a proposed meeting on June 4th of a group of 15 interested in preparing a manuscript on "The Will of God".

If it is at all possible, I will plan to be present. There is the possibility that a special meeting of our Conference may be needed for that day, and as I happen to be President of the group, I would of necessity have to miss the June 4th meeting of the group proposed in order to attend this conference.

However, should the Conference not convene, I shall plan to be present for at least a part of the day involved.

Cordially yours

*Carl W. Segerhammar*  
Carl W. Segerhammar

CWS/ds



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MRS. MAXWELL CHAPLIN  
835 BERKELEY AVENUE  
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 27

28

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Alma & Kirby,

Over 2 weeks ago I started a letter to you thanking you so very much for your most thoughtful invitation to join with you in a prayer training period. I delayed the letter thinking it might be wise to see whether I would be well enough to organize it & to go myself. Occasionally I am troubled with quite severe attacks of

arthritis which make activity very difficult. I had 2 weeks of it lately and have decided I should postpone any plans at present with the hope that perhaps in the late summer or early fall you might still be willing to let us come.

I lead a small weekly prayer group of 7 people, three of whom are going away the end of the month to be gone probably most of the summer. We have been wanting very much just such a help as you suggested &

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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

have wished that with the tremendous increase in the size of our Church of late, some way could be found to deepen the spiritual life.

I wonder how many people you would like to have at such a group as you suggest. Was it your idea for us to get people well along in the life of prayer, or people who are beginners? There seem to be very few people in our Church under 50 who are willing to pray aloud.

Perhaps we could get you here to help us in the Fall with a large retreat. I think it would be a tremendous help to our Church. We are hoping to start building a beautiful new Sanctuary this summer & I am co-chairman of a small committee to raise funds for a small chapel in my father's memory to be built after the Sanctuary is built, so you see we need vision & inspiration.

God bless you both in your work  
Gratefully & cordially yours,  
Edith K. Chaplin.

*Bay Shore Community Congregational Church*

*Milton G. Gabrielson, Minister*

5100 The Toledo Avenue Phone 90-0401

LONG BEACH 3, CALIFORNIA

From the Minister's Study

May 17, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra  
California

Dear Kirby:

I regret very much that I was not able to be with you last Saturday.

Saturday morning just as I was getting ready to leave, I received a call from a young man who was at Los Angeles International Airport. He told me he would be out in about an hour to be interviewed for the position of Youth Center Director. I had no choice but to change my plans and try to get some of the Board members together for the interview. This took most of the day.

I am sure you will understand, and I certainly hope that you did have a representative group and that it was immensely profitable.

I hope that I can be with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Milton G. Gabrielson

MEG:aa

14023 Premiere Ave  
Bellflower

May 17, 1954

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Page;

I want to thank you for your kind gift at Christmas time. I am sorry I have been so long in answering your note but I can only type and my typewriter has been pronouncanced as beyond repair. I had this oppertunity to borrow one and so am writing you a belated letter. I am well and so are the children.

I have been into court three times since I talked to you. Bob Has put up a hard battle for the children and has lost every round. The bill for my lawyer comes th \$500 as of now with every indication of going higher. We have not even appeared for the divoirm~~e~~ hearing yet. It all seems so senseless. We could of had a lot of psych~~iatric~~ care for that am<sup>u</sup>nt of money. The children and I are in need and I am sure that Bob is in need also. My family has had to put up money they can ill aford. There seems no way to stop Bob. Every time it looks as if He has exhausted every pretense for a court appearence, he appearantly thinks up a new one and I am hailed into court again. The court claims it cannot stop him from exorcising his right as a citizen. If I do not appear I will lose the children by default.

Bob has paid no support and his case is before the District Attorery for 'faillture to provide'.. I suppose he will go to jail. I have not been able to reach Bob at all and appantly no one else has either. My father and mother came down to try to do something and my father went back very sick. I feel exhausted by it all.

I am working now. It is a hard job for me and I work long hours at low pay. However, I am hoping for something better soon and at least I am too busy to brood much. I am still searching for a solution to all this and would be glad for any suggestions.

I have a chance for a teaching job at Orville, California in the fall and hope to move onto a ranch up there. My parents live there. The children have been a great help to me and are very loyal. Everything goes along well at home and for that I am thankful. I keep praying for Bob and hoping for the best.

Yours sincerely,

Bernice Burrill

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May 18, 1954

Dear Bob:

I am so impressed with the possibilities of the Whittier Institute for this year that I am enrolling for all the sessions. It would be a really wonderful experience if a substantial number of ministers could attend.

Cordially,

(signed) Kirby

Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

N.B.

The above is a letter from Kirby Page, well-known minister in this region. I hope YOU may be among the "substantial number" of ministers who can attend Whittier Institute, June 28 to July 5, 1954.

A copy of the program is enclosed.

Robert S. Vogel  
Director, Whittier Institute

205 Capitol Ave.  
Santa Maria, Calif.  
May 18, 1954.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Page,

"That was the quickest  
leave taking" - last night, I've  
ever witnessed, and I'm from  
Texas! Sorry, I missed  
you.

Thank you very much for  
coming - one of the comments  
last night - Can't we urge  
Mr. Page to go see the Pres -  
and Mr. Auller, and get on  
2. 8?

Inclosed is a check for  
the \$25.00 plus a small token  
of an appreciation.

I would love to attend one  
of your spiritual retreats.  
Perhaps I can one day -

Please pray for Acker  
and his Church - We are  
so very pleased with him.

Thank you again

Sincerely,

Mrs. Glenn Wilson

May 18, 1954

Dear Jim:

Can you meet with an interdenominational group of ministers at the First Methodist Church in Glendale, on Tuesday morning, June first, from ten to twelve. We are to consider a Spiritual Exploration.

If you can come, will you please opening the session with an appropriate passage from the Bible and lead in prayer?

If you cannot come, I will be grateful if you send me your evaluation of the idea.

It will be nice if I can see you again.

Affectionately,

Respectfully,  
James C. Baker

May 18, 1854.

Dear Dr. Palmer:

I am looking forward with the utmost eagerness to the meeting in your church on June 1st at ten o'clock.

I am sending out some notices and I hope that you will write personal notes to come people and perhaps have your secretary certain ones on the telephone. This should not be confined to Methodists but made inclusive. Perhaps the Council of Churches would do some telephoning for you.

Expectantly,

May 18, 1954

Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to the following individuals:

Gene E. Bartlett  
Russell E. Clay  
John W. Flucke  
Wesley P. Ford  
Milton A. Gabrielson  
Owen M. Geer  
Allan A. Hunter

Albert E. Jenkins  
Robert B. McAulay  
Galen B. Ogden  
Ray W. Ragsdale  
O. E. Shafer  
Carl W. Segarhammar  
Robert S. Vogel

The proposal for the Spiritual Exploration is being received with enthusiasm. On the enclosed sheet you will find the response of a group of Methodists. The number of participating Methodist ministers will be greatly increased. On Friday a group of Disciple ministers is spending the day on our hilltop in prayer and consideration of the Spiritual Exploration. An impressive number of their ministers will also participate.

When various denominational lists of ministers who are planning to participate are assembled, we will send the combined lists of various religious bodies in Southern California to The Christian Century and to other religious journals in the hope that the editors will consider the Spiritual Exploration sufficiently important to write editorials in support of it.

All the persons listed above, except Allan Hunter who is now in the Middle West, have agreed to work on the proposed book, THE WILL OF GOD. Before the meeting on June 4th, please give serious consideration to the tentative outline submitted.

Bishop Kennedy has agreed to write an Introduction, and Ray Ragsdale assures me that if the Methodist Publishing House is not in a position to publish the book quickly, there is a probability that the Methodist Board of Evangelism would be willing to issue it in a 35-cent edition in time for use in the Spiritual Exploration.

Let me now suggest a second group project, collaboration on another small book, with some such title as THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: Co-Worker With God in Building a Good Society. In this case I am prepared, because of heavy pressure upon various members, to do much of the writing and submit rough drafts for rigorous criticism, and revision at an all-day session, before publication with our various names as collaborators. It seems to me highly important to have a group mind determine the contents of such a volume. It can probably be printed in a 35-cent edition. Please tell me which of these dates are possible for an all-day session and I will send you word as to which day is preferable to the groups: Tuesday, July 6; Friday the 9th; the 13th; the 16th. It will be helpful if you will send me word PROMPTLY, so that we can enter the selected date in our datebooks. If you cannot come on any of these days, I will be glad to consult with you at a mutually convenient time.

Both of these little books will probably have a wide circulation throughout the various churches of the nation, and I earnestly hope that you will be able to criticize the different chapters, participate in the day's discussion, and do as much writing as is practicable.

Let us continue in fervent prayer for guidance as we proceed.

Cordially,

## A SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

### An Urgent Endeavor to Gain Insight and Power

After many hours of fellowship in prayer and discussion, the following Methodist ministers have decided to begin a special search on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 1954 - Carl Beharka, Harold Cary, Russell Clay, Owen Geer, Frank Gray, Arthur Harrington, Gerald Harvey, Will Hildebrand, Thatcher Jordan, Frank Matthews, Oscar Newby, Ray Ragsdale, Clark Robbins, George Root, Randall Scott, Norman Taylor, Frank Toothaker, L. L. White, Frank Williams, Edgar Zimmerman, Gil Zimmerman.

The plan is to inaugurate a series of unhurried Prayer Retreats on Sunday afternoon and evening, possibly alternating on Saturday afternoon and evening. The minister will meet successively with groups of ten to forty of his members for six or seven hours of prayer and discussion of two supremely important questions: HOW CAN WE FIND THE WILL OF GOD? HOW CAN WE GET POWER TO DO IT?

This will be a search primarily not for answers to specific questions but for WAYS of discovering what is right in God's sight in every relationship, and for POWER to live as God yearns for us to live. It is expected that during the weeks of these Prayer Retreats the minister will preach a series of sermons on these vital questions. In some cases the Retreats will be prepared for by visitation two by two to the home of members, interpreting the purpose of the Exploration and enrolling individuals for the Retreats. Experiments will be made in enlisting youth groups, adult classes, women's societies, men's clubs and other agencies of the local church in the search. Various ways will be used in assembling the Prayer Retreats: some ministers will begin with church boards divided into small groups on successive Sundays or Saturdays, some will bring together natural age groups, some will endeavor to expose the entire church membership to the experience of an extended Prayer Retreat.

Ministers participating in the Spiritual Exploration are to meet with Russell Clay in Whittier on October 29th, from 2 to 5, to exchange experiences and plan for the future of the Exploration.

It is hoped and expected that the Spiritual Exploration will bring new spiritual vitality into the life of the church, increase the number and zest of continuing prayer-study groups, and establish the unhurried Prayer Retreat as a permanent part of the work of the church.

Other Methodists and ministers of other religious bodies are urged to experiment with various methods of making use of all-day fellowships of prayer and searching. A special book for this Spiritual Exploration is being prepared by an interdenominational group and will be ready for use in October. Send orders well in advance to your religious publishing house for copies of the inexpensive little book: THE WILL OF GOD: How Do We Find It and Get Power To Do It?

The Spiritual Exploration grows out of an awareness of the urgent and desperate need of Christians these days to be able to find out what is right and to gain power to do it - in the home, in other personal relations, in economic life, in race relations, in politics and world affairs. A serious effort is being made to find more efficacious ways of living creatively and abundantly in an age of confusion, suspicion, fear and conflict.

Dear Friends:

The urgent need for an intensive SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION is growing upon ministers in Southern California, the need for a sustained search for answers to two questions: How Can We Find the Will of God and Get Power to Do It. On the enclosed sheet is a summary of the convictions of twenty Methodist ministers. On Friday a group of Disciples reached similar conclusions. Among the Disciple ministers who have decided to begin a special search in the fall are the following:

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| E. D. Canady      | Merle Fish, Jr.    | John W. Messer      |
| Carl L. Crain     | Wesley P. Ford     | R. Lee Pryor        |
| Frank Cron        | Dan B. Genung, Jr. | J. Barbee Robertson |
| Hoke S. Dickinson | Charles F. Hutsler | Joseph M. Smith     |
|                   |                    | Lauren E. West      |

No minister can fail to be aware of the sickness of our society and the desperate needs of our people. Every discussion of the great issues of life reveals confusion and bewilderment. Strident voices are shouting to do this and to do that. The "experts" are divided in judgment and are pointing to contradictory ways out of this danger and that peril. The nations are plunging from one disaster to a greater catastrophe. What is an earnest Christian to do? In the midst of all this perplexity, maladjustment, fear, passion and conflict, what is the message of the minister and of the church? How can we know what God wants us to do in this situation, and how can we turn on his power in the doing of his work?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN A SPECIAL SEARCH with your fellow ministers in Southern California, beginning in September or October, along the lines of experimentation suggested in this enclosure, and are willing to be listed among the participating ministers, please tear off the blank and mail it promptly.

As soon as the names of participating clergymen in the various religious bodies in Southern California are collected, this material will be sent to religious journals throughout the country and an appeal made for editorial interpretation of the Spiritual Exploration. A printed summary, with these names, will be sent widely across the nation to ministers of different denominations, in the hope that thousands of clergymen will lead their people in a more determined search for the will of God in these troubled times and for power to do what is right in his sight.

Two little books are being specially written for the Spiritual Exploration by an interdenominational group, composed of:

Gene E. Bartlett, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles  
Russell E. Clay, First Methodist Church, Whittier  
John W. Flucke, Morningside Evan. & Ref. Church, Inglewood  
Wesley P. Ford, Central Christian Church, Pasadena  
Milton A. Gabrielson, Bay Shore Congregational Church, Long Beach  
Owen M. Geer, First Methodist Church, Fullerton  
Allan A. Hunter, Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church  
Albert E. Jenkins, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Whittier  
Robert B. McAulay, First Presbyterian Church, Orange  
Galen B. Ogden, First Church of the Brethren, LaVerne  
Kirby Page, Disciples of Christ, La Habra  
Ray W. Ragsdale, Westwood Methodist Church, Los Angeles  
O. E. Shafer, Superintendent, Evan.-United Brethren, Los Angeles  
Carl W. Segarhammar, Angelica Lutheran Church, Los Angeles  
Robert S. Vogel, Society of Friends, Pasadena

The first one is to be intitled THE WILL OF GOD: How o We Find It and Get Power To Do It? with an Introduction by Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

Many or all of these individuals are collaborating on another little book to be called: THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: Co-worker With God in Building the Good Society. It is expected that both these inexpensive, 128-page, paper-bound books will be READY FOR USE BY LATE SEPTEMBER. Time will be saved if ministers will send bundle-orders to their religious publishing house well in advance so that copies may be delivered in time for use in the fall.

Ministers' meetings to consider the Spiritual Exploration are being held. Come if you possibly can.

SAN DIEGO - First Methodist Church, May 28th, from 2 to 4.  
GLENDALE - First Methodist Church, June 1, from 10 to 12.  
LONG BEACH - First Methodist Church (Fifth St. entrance)  
June 3, from 10 to 12.  
LOS ANGELES - First Baptist Church, June 8, from 10 to 12.  
RIVERSIDE - First Methodist Church, June 9, from 10 to 12.

Let us all make a fresh commitment of our lives to the living Christ and join together in a most earnest search for insight and power from God in these days of anguish and conflict.

Prayerfully,

*Kirby Page*  
Kirby Page

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..... Please tear off and mail. ....

Yes, I want to be enrolled among the ministers who are taking part in the special Spiritual Exploration in the fall, and will endeavor to lead my people in an intensive search for the will of God and for power to do it.

Name of Minister (please type or print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Denomination or Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail as QUICKLY AS PRACTICABLE, for use in the printed folder, to Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, California, or to any member of the book group listed above.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET BRANCH

# Young Men's Christian Association of Los Angeles

1006 E. TWENTY-EIGHTH ST., LOS ANGELES 11, CALIF.



PHONE: ADAMS 7193

May 18, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page,

Word has reached us through the Peace Service Bulletin that you are offering your services to lead spiritual retreats without honoraria.

This is good news to us because we would like very much to share in such an experience with you but could not if the cost were beyond our means.

We have two projects we would like to have you share with us if your time permits.

The first is a week-end retreat sponsored by our college fellowship group May 29th through the 31st, at Camp Tanda near the Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino mountains. The group will be trying to discover through a series of discussion sessions ways and means of establishing world peace; also, how to develop the spiritual life of the individual. Having you as the resource person would be the greatest experience these young people have ever had.

The second. Our Discussion Club would be very much interested in presenting you at our next public forum meeting Sunday June 20th at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the 28th street Y.M.C.A. I am sure a topic dealing with steps toward finding world peace, particularly as it relates to Asia and Africa would be of tremendous interest.

We would be happy to know at your earliest convenience whether you can share in both or either of these experiences.

Sincerely

*Manley Johnson*  
Manley Johnson

Assistant Executive Secretary  
28th street Y.M.C.A.

NO

*First Methodist Church*

Anapamu at Garden - Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Will M. Hildebrand, Minister

May 18, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P.O.Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I am very sorry that I could not attend on Saturday.

I am greatly interested in your proposal and would like to see something of what you are doing take hold in our Conference life and in our local church here in Santa Barbara.

Sincerely yours,

WMH:R



TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET BRANCH

Young Men's Christian Association



of Los Angeles

1006 E. TWENTY-EIGHTH ST., LOS ANGELES 11, CALIF.

PHONE: ADAMS 7193

May 19, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page,

We have a group of young married adults interested in having a retreat with you at your home any of these Sundays; July 11, 18 or 25.

They are prepared to spend all day and part of the evening in such a retreat and are interested in knowing what arrangements should be made by them for such a project.

From my observation of the group, I think they need and would benefit tremendously by a retreat discussing the matter of making the most of our lives or living creatively.

Please let us know whether such a retreat is possible.

Sincerely

 *Mantley Johnson*

Mantley Johnson  
Associate Executive Secretary  
28th Street YMCA

May 19, 1954

Kirby Page:

It looks now as if there will  
be about 30 ~~to~~ students and faculty  
members in our group Sat. We  
will arrive at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Galen B. Ogden

Dear Kirby -  
Sounds like a good  
program & wish a hope I  
can clear schedule. It's  
tough to be building for years  
& years. Suggest you write  
Ray Prince, our Ariz head  
of Evangelism & Spiritual  
Life for programming. ✓

Ever  
Chuck



# C.B.Y.F. NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

AUGUST 23-27, 1954

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*Church of the Brethren Youth Fellowship*  
22 S. State Street, Elgin, Illinois

May 20, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Brother Page:

The committees planning our National Youth Conference met again the other day and, as a consequence of their planning, asked me to write to you once more.

As you will recall, we have you slated for a major address on Tuesday evening, in addition to the Bible hours in the morning. We had not assigned a topic for that address. Now, in looking over our entire program, we see that there is no place where our theme and emblem will be given specific attention as such. We wonder if you would be willing to build your Tuesday evening address around that topic. I am enclosing a flier which includes a picture of the emblem plus a few facts concerning its background. I believe that the theme is general enough that you can work just about anything you want to say into it.

Also, we are suggesting that this address should not run over forty (40) minutes in length, since we are intending it as a climax to a rather extensive worship service immediately preceding.

I hope that you will find these suggestions helpful rather than binding. If for any reason this does not seem the wise direction to go, please let us know.

Yours in Christ,

*Vernard Eller*

Vernard Eller

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The Artesia Methodist Church  
PIONEER BLVD. AT 183RD ST.  
ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA

STUDY: TORREY 5-2296

May 20, 1954

CLARENCE E. MILLER  
MINISTER  
17913 ARLINE AVE.  
RES.: TORREY 5-3758

Dear Kirby:

I have been having a little difficulty in getting definite reservations for the retreat at your home on Sunday. I have about 14 reservations for sure and others that have expressed an interest in going. I think we can have 20. At least I will do my best to recruit more on Sunday morning. I invited the other ministers of the Sub-district and they seem to be busy. Then I invited the minister of the Christian Church here and he said he would go and bring some of his folks, but this evening he says that he and his folks can not go. So that is the way it goes. All I can say is that I will put forth every effort to have at least 20 present. If there should be more come at the last minute, we could bring a lunch for the extras.

The new Christian minister here is Ed Cox. He is a very fine young fellow from Chapman College. He is very much interested in the type of thing that you are doing.

We will plan to see you about 2:30 on Sunday

Sincerely yours,

Clarence



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MRS. MONETA V. LOGAN

May 20, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Though I will see you possibly before you get this letter, I think the contents should be in writing. I have the information concerning the second suggested pamphlet. So far as I know now, any of the proposed dates in July would be satisfactory for me. Friday the 9th would be preferable over Tuesday, July 6th. That Tuesday follows immediately the holiday week-end and I know there will be things to be caught up. As it looks now, my preference for the dates would be Friday the 9th, then the 13th, 16th and the 6th in that order.

Now another matter. Would you be available to serve as a supply preacher here at Central a Sunday in August? Any Sunday except August 1st is now available. An honorarium is provided and the people would be happy to have you. I was elated to discover that the suggestion came from one of the members of our Pulpit Committee. Let me know if it is a possibility.

Fraternally yours,

  
Wesley P. Ford

WPF/sjw

*Canoga Park Community Methodist Church*

WYANDOTTE ST. at JORDAN AVE.

C. L. PALMER, Minister

P. O. Box 191  
Canoga Park, Calif.

May 21, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Thanks for your note inviting me to attend the Spiritual Exploration at First Methodist Church in Glendale on June 1st. I am putting the date down in my book now and will bring along a ministerial friend or two from other denominations.

Yours sincerely,

*Les* ✓

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JOHN OLIVER NELSON, CHAIRMAN  
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May 21, 1954

Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

We have had a number of letters from American F.O.R. members working in Japan and from the Japanese F.O.R. itself asking us to do or say something about the Hydrogen bomb. This, plus our own sense of urgency, leads me to write you about some of the things we think should be done.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the 23 Japanese fishermen who were radioactively burned, which has been sent to Paul Sekiya, Secretary of the Japanese F.O.R., for delivery to them. In addition we have released to the Japanese press a longer Statement to the Japanese People.

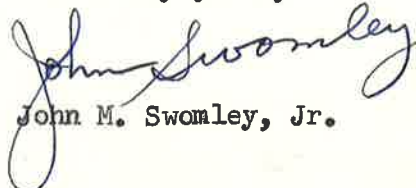
Although the Japanese were directly involved, many others in other nations seem just as concerned. I believe you know that no other issue has so stirred the world as the threat of H-bomb war. We are almost daily getting pleas from England, France, Germany, or some other country asking for some lead from the American peace movement.

A few weeks ago we sent out more than 10,000 copies of a petition on the H-bomb together with the enclosed letter by Lewis Mumford. Now we believe it is important to stimulate pastors of churches to re-examine their position on war and encourage them to raise this issue in their churches. The enclosed questionnaire which we plan to use widely, is one effort in this direction. We would like to reach many more people and would like also to do a more personal job of stimulating Councils of Churches and church social action groups on this issue.

Since this is an emergency project for which we have no funds in sight, I am writing to a few concerned persons like yourself to ask if you could make a special contribution of \$25 to help us with this project.

I shall be grateful for any response you can make.

Faithfully yours,

  
John M. Swomley, Jr.

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REV. T. ROSS PADEN  
COUNCIL MINISTER

May 21, 1954

Dear Kirby Page:

Your note about Spiritual Exploration meeting in Glendale on June 1 is at hand. I will plan to be there and will bring other ministers if possible.

Right now our Office Sec'y is "snowed under" but we will pass word along to those who drop in.

Best regards - Ross Padon

The Hope COMMUNITY CHURCH

Donald K. Blackie  
Pastor

344 W. Florence Avenue  
Los Angeles 3, California

5/22/54

Dear Dr. Page: (P.S.)

A member of my church gave me the enclosed from the Mirror and asked me to write an answer. I am sending it rather on to you, wondering if you would answer these questions; you are so much able better than I to answer such a problem. Surely this is a good opportunity to let our witness be known.

Thank you for considering this problem.

Cordially,

*Donald K. Blackie*

5022-54

Dear Kirby:

I seem fated to miss your recent gatherings; for I already have a noon commitment on June 1st.

However, I expect to be in on the plan for autumn. (Leaving on the Eddy seminar on June 14; gone until Aug. 6)

*Max Chamberlin* ✓

# Council of Churches of Redlands

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REV. OSCAR W. SEDAM  
*Executive Secretary*

May 22, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page,  
P. O. Box 247,  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

The matter mentioned in your letter of May 6th was brought to the attention of our Redlands ministers, as I indicated it would be. The 25th date you suggested was out, for some of the men because of denominational assemblies on the national level. Also, the staggered vacation periods of others would make others unavailable for such a meeting before World Communion. (Entre nous, —one wonders how many have any desire 'to gain vision and power')

I thank the Lord and you for your contribution here in Redlands on the 15th.

Sincerely,



St. Mark's Methodist Church  
in Clairemont  
San Diego 17, Calif.

May 22, 1954

Dear Kirby,

Rec'd your letter today - forwarded  
from No. Hollywood. I've been  
in a new church situation here since  
last November. I am interested in  
the Spiritual Exploration plan and  
have indicated my intention to attend  
your meeting at First Church, S. D.  
on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

I sent your letter & enclosure  
back to my successor, Douglas  
Harrell, and encouraged his  
attendance at the Glendale Mtg.

Sincerely,

Sid Lawson ✓

Rev. Sidney J. Lawson  
3986 DALLES AVE.  
SAN DIEGO 17, CALIFORNIA



# *Chapel Church of the Air*

May 22, 1954

MINISTER: RAY CHARLES JARMAN, D.D.

Dear Kirby: I was disappointed that your invitation to your "hiltop" came too late for me to make the necessary adjustments so I could attend. I can't tell you how interested I am in exploring spiritual fields, where the imagination, creativity and originality of the spirit are needed. If religion is to survive, in my opinion, it will make its advance and triumph in this field.

I wonder if you have ever listened to my Radio program which is each morning, KRKD, Monday through Saturday at 7:45 a.m., 1150cl. Whatever contribution I have to make in this area is shown in this program.

If you are to have other meetings on this subject I hope you let me know in time so I can be present. I would love to share with you, receive from you and join with the One Spirit when you are the leader.

Always with respect and admiration for you, I remain,

Your friend,

*Ray* ✓

SHERWOOD EDDY

108 FINLEY STREET

TELEPHONE 802

JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

May 23/54

Dear Kirby

We landed in N.Y. on May 20 after a  
wonderful 2 months in the Mediterranean. Howard & Emma. He  
is kindly & sympathetic. They swamped him Bro with  
other work so she could do little but her younger  
sister in Wisconsin had been over the book and made  
general & detailed criticisms, with most of  
which I agreed. She has cut out nothing I  
considered essential. The mass is rough &  
needs recopying after her alterations. They are very

strict on language. After I had done my best Mrs Bro  
said alterations were necessary on at least every page.

It took at least 2 months work to make this mass into  
shape. Emma had not even had time to read it. He  
felt there was every hope they would accept it, as a  
\$3.50 book to be published in the Spring of 55.

I called on Nancy Staine Thomson (Mrs Ellen Thomson  
the manager of New Republic lives in Washington) to say I was going to apply  
for \$30,000 for an American Foundation on "Understanding America"  
and some for psychic investigation for the \$20 mil. I gave Mrs.  
Staine for the New World Foundation. Course I am well & happy  
and settling down to work in our happy home. No water or  
cool air conditioning this summer. How are things going with you?

Much love

Shorewood

ST. MATTHIAS RECTORY  
515 MAULSBY DRIVE  
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Page,

5/24

Friday, July 9 or Tues  
July 6 are preferable

I am away as a  
camp counselor July 11 - 21

Sincerely,  
A. E. Jenkins



"Without Vision The People Perish"

Parsonage  
Phone 2310

Franklin Greene, Minister  
625 South Nevada Street

## *First Methodist Church*

625 First Street

**Oceanside, California**

Phone 3365

MRS. FLORENCE DALE, CHURCH SECRETARY

May 24, 1954

Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Thanks for the invitation. I am planning to be  
at the May 28th meeting-2-4, at San Diego. Will  
see you then.

*This is a first thing for our churches,  
Thanks for your leadership*  
Sincerely,  
*Franklin*

*OK*

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May 24, 1954

Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I was very glad to receive this morning the mimeographed pages entitled A Spiritual Exploration. I am sorry that I was not able to attend the second meeting which was held in your home for the group of Methodist ministers. I have read with interest the plans which came out of the Exploration in your home, and I hope and pray that the movement will spread throughout our nation. Not being the pastor of a church I cannot work in the same way as the other ministers. However, in whatever way I can I shall assist in this fine movement.

Thank you for including me in the group in your home. It brought a real blessing to me.

Cordially,



Frank S. Williams

FSW:dm

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
BISHOP JAMES CHAMBERLAIN BAKER  
1858 CALIFORNIA STREET  
SAN MARINO 9, CALIFORNIA

May 24

Dear Kirby - I shall be

glad to join you & others at  
120 Glenval June 1 - 10 - 12

I hope that you want

me to read a scripture  
lesson and offer prayer at  
the beginning

Affectionately yours

John

# Figueroa-Crenshaw Christian Church

9550 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Inglewood 4, California  
Telephone: PLymouth 6-1326

May 24, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page:

Unfortunately your invitation to come to your place on May 21, did not reach me in time for me to be able to attend. The delay was due to the fact that I have moved, and the invitation was addressed to my former address.

I am sure the meeting must have been a fine one, and the purpose and spirit of it sound most worthwhile.

With every good wish to you, and thank you for your thoughtfulness in including me in the group who were invited.

Cordially yours,

*Joseph M. Appelgate* ✓  
Joseph M. Appelgate, Minister

jma:mr

MARENGO AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH  
Alhambra, California

May 25, 1954

Dear Dr. Page,

Although I will be unable to take part in the June 1st meeting on Tuesday morning, I wish to be listed among the ministers who plan to take part in the Expiration.

Sincerely yours,

*Clifford Fugate*  
Clifford Fugate ✓

Coachella Valley Christian Church

JOSEPH M. SMITH Minister

Coachella, California

May 25th

Dear Kirby Page

My hearty thanks  
again to you and  
to Mrs Page for your  
gracious hospitality  
to us Disciples on  
last Friday.

Our exploration of  
the idea of a Prayer  
Retreat was helpful  
to me personally and  
I am sure the seed  
you are planting  
will bear fruit.

Gratefully  
J. M. Smith

# The Living Church

407 East Michigan Street  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
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A WEEKLY RECORD OF THE NEWS, THE WORK, AND THE THOUGHT OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 25, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

The story told in your article, PRAYER RETREATS ARE POWER HOUSES, is an interesting one and were circumstances different in the office, we should ordinarily be glad to bring it to our reader's attention.

The pressure of the coming summer conferences is forcing us to return many fine manuscripts. Will you try us again at a later date and perhaps by that time the situation will be different.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jean Drysdale  
Manuscript Editor

JD:RL

Enclosure 1

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KENNETH L. DANSKIN, MINISTER  
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Dear Kirby,

I expect by all odds to be  
present June 1 at Glendale.

This is our number 1 job right now  
and always. My weak flesh  
kept me from the effort to get  
to your home. God bless  
you in additional measure  
as your ministry continues

Sincerely

Kenneth ✓

VERMONT SQUARE  
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May 25, 1954

Dear Kirby,

Enclosed is my enlistment.

The explanatory statement of the  
Spiritual Exploration is excellently done  
- & I am grateful for your part in  
this development - & expectantly hopeful.  
God works in marvelous ways, & it  
is a thrilling experience to sense  
part of His purpose flowing through us.  
With every good wish,

Clark

OK

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May 25, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Your willingness to have the Students in Industry Project members meet with you on Sunday, July 18th is really fine. This proved to be a high spot in the student experience two summers ago and we are certainly looking forward to sharing some of your concerns related to our Students in Industry program this summer.

I will assume that the period from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be most suitable. We will contact you later on to indicate the number of persons who will be in actual attendance.

Very sincerely yours,



Charles S. Palmerlee  
Associate Regional Secretary

CSP:mh

RAYMOND L. WIRTH, *Pastor*

# East Whittier Methodist Church

9939 SOUTH COLE ROAD - WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

May 25, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I received your invitation to attend a meeting at the First Methodist Church in Glendale on Tuesday morning, June 1, to consider the Spiritual Exploration.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to be there at that time. However, I am willing to be listed among the ministers who are planning to take part in the Exploration.

Sincerely,

*Raymond L. Wirth* ✓  
Raymond L. Wirth

RLW:jb

## Reseda Community Methodist Church

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EDMUND R. WARNE, MINISTER  
7030 AMIGO AVENUE

PARISH HOUSE: 18558 GAULT STREET  
MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 637

May 26, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I have read carefully your communication of May 19 concerning a spiritual exploration and would be glad to participate.

I am not sure whether or not I can get to the Glendale meeting on June 1. I will put it on my calendar and come if I can make it. We are about to begin building our new church, and I have to give priority to that just now.

We have been working with prayer groups in our church for some time, but I would be glad to use any new methods that might reach more people.

Sincerely,



Edmund R. Warne

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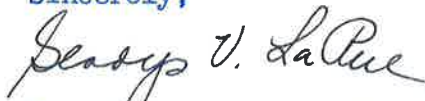
May 26, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your letter of May 22nd  
to Dr. Little. He is out of the city  
and will return on August 1st when I  
am sure you may expect a reply from him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George V. LaRue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "G" and a distinct "V".

Secretary to Dr. Little

T. OTTO NALL, Editor

LOVICK PIERCE and J. EDGAR WASHABAUGH, Publishing Agents

May 26, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I am sorry that we have not been able to use the article you so graciously sent, and reluctantly I am returning it to you.

My absence in Hawaii on our evangelistic mission accounts for the long delay in responding.

Very truly yours,



T. Otto Nall, Editor

TON:jb  
Enc.

Jan 2-4  
9-11

The First Presbyterian Church

161 EAST SIXTH STREET  
LONG BEACH 12, CALIFORNIA

MINISTER:

REUBEN F. PIETERS, D. D.

May 27, 1954

Reverend Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

Sometime ago you sent me a letter concerning the possibility of a Religious Concert by John and Marjorie Raitt, sponsored by this church. I have unfortunately laid the letter aside because of the rush of activities, and am only now coming to it. Therefore, this answer may be too late to be of any value to you.

I have talked this matter over with some members of our church and with the Music Director and have an opinion concerning the possibility of such a Concert as you mention. The response of our own people to a program on a Sunday or weekday evening, is not too good and we would hesitate very much to plan a program for our church with a guaranteed minimum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

It is possible, however, that our Music Department and our Church might sponsor such a program in one of the auditoriums in the city and that by presenting a public program and selling tickets to the Community at large, we could raise enough funds to make this guarantee possible. Certainly John Raitts is well-known and although I do not know his wife, Marjorie, I am sure that they would give a wonderful Concert.

If this plan should materialize, and if they are interested in coming to Long Beach, I should be happy to write to you again and see if we could work something out. In the meantime, please be assured of our every good wish.

Cordially yours,

*Reuben F. Pieters*

Reuben F. Pieters (B)  
Minister

RFP/b

P. S. You sent a note sometime ago concerning the possibility of leading an all-day Prayer Fellowship. Have you ever gone to the Presbyterian Men's Lodge at Sky Forest up near Lake Arrowhead for such a Retreat? It is a beautiful spot and the men of our church are hoping to go there sometime after Christmas. The experience in the high mountain area with the deep snow is a beautiful one to which our men look forward with eager anticipation. If you can go at such a time, I should be glad to hear from you and particularly as to how we might work out a schedule from Friday evening to Sunday noon which is our usual time.

RFP

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May 27, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I was pleased to receive your reply of May 21 saying that you will be able to do the article we requested. I presume you have the general idea of the subject, "Christians and the Business World." It is my opinion that the article should be liberally sprinkled with every-day, down-to-earth experiences that most of us come in contact with. Of course, it cannot be "preachy," but I am sure you are familiar with this having done considerable writing in the past.

Again, may I say that we are pleased that you have accepted the article. When it is published I would like to have your picture to go with the article. Do you have anything that would be satisfactory?

We shall be expecting to hear from you some time in the late summer.

Yours sincerely,



Carl E. Pitts  
Assistant Editor  
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May 27, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

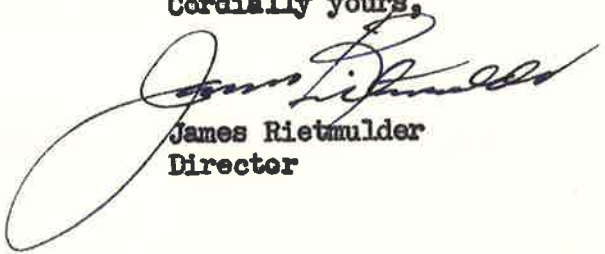
Thanks for your recent note.

Several of us have read the manuscript on Sherwood Eddy. You have done a fairly competent job here, as always. It is, of course, as we both recognize, not a narrative type biography which paints a personal picture. It does give a picture of a man of great energy and zeal. Some of us feel that this is not as penetrating a picture as it might be — that it tends to be shallow, with more emphasis on incidents, dates and places, etc. than upon the basic message.

We are at the moment trying to come to a publishing decision. Much of this will depend upon the arithmetic. I note that you don't expect royalties but we would prefer to allow for some royalty in the computations.

Many of us here have said that if we or most of the folks who might be interested in this had the choice of this manuscript or your own autobiography which is under way, we would probably choose the latter. This is a question that we need to face up to. There would be real competition between these two books. It probably wouldn't be wise to have less than a two to three year gap between their publication. Can you give me any further information on the progress on the autobiography?

Cordially yours,

  
James Rietmulder  
Director

JR:rz

Publication Department

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May 27, 1964.

Dear John and Marj:

We are delighted to hear the good news that the show is likely to have a long run and that you hope to make enough from it to build a home - in Southern California we hope!

Now that you are on the crest of the wave, we know that you are thinking seriously about the future. We tried to gather some information for you about the possibility of sacred concerts and here are the replies.

If you return to California at the end of this run, surely there are several things that you can do:

- Television
- Radio
- Religious Films
- Concerts
- Sacred concerts

It would be wonderful to have you back here regularly. We are praying most earnestly that you may be guided into the right decision.

We are having a busy time with prayer retreats here on the hilltop and elsewhere.

Keep us in touch with your doings and remember our affection for you.

As ever

May 27, 1954.

Dear Sherwood:

Delighted to get your letter and to know that you had such a wonderful trip.

What a time you are having with Harpers but it is encouraging to get word that they will probably publish it in the spring of 1955.

Association Press has not yet decided about the publication of the biography. My guess is that they will turn it down.

I am having the time of my life working on the autobiography. About twelve chapters written.

Just now I am concentrizing upon what may be the most significant thing I have ever attempted. In my morning prayer period some weeks ago I felt a strong conviction that I ought to talk with friends about a Spiritual Exploration. I went immediately to the telephone and talked with Russell Clay, minister of the First Methodist Church in Whittier. Then seven leading Methodists spent an hour and a half talking about it. The result was that fifteen Methodists came to our house on ~~two~~ successive Saturdays for all-day prayer and discussion. Then fifteen Disciple ministers spent the day with us. I am presenting the proposal to ministers in five different areas of Southern California within the next few days. The enclosure will give you a summary of the idea.

Since I sent out a letter offering to spend time in prayer retreats without honorarium, my time is filled to the limit of my physical capacity. It seems that I am entering upon the third cycle of my career. The first was fifteen years with the student movement on the campus, the second was fifteen years with the American Friends Service Committee in an endless round of one-day conferences all over the country. Now I am being swamped with requests for prayer retreats, where we talk prayerfully about a wide range of problems, personal and social.

I am spending a lot of time working on the two little books which will be published cooperatively by a group of fifteen from eleven denominations.

Am eager to get a report letter about your trip.

Both of us are feeling well and are gloriously happy. The doctor is giving me pills which are keeping my blood pressure down.

Affectionate greetings to Louise and other members of your household.

Much love,

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May 27, 1954

Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby Page:

At the request of our Family Camp planning committee I am writing to inquire whether you would be available and willing to serve as a resource leader in our Family Camp to be held August 15-21 near Olympia, Washington.

In planning the program for our camp this year, the committee is experimenting with a largely "unstructured" program in the sense that we are providing opportunities for experiences in a number of different areas. The content and particular activity of these "experience areas" will grow out of the desires of those attending. We are structuring to the extent of providing the opportunities with resource people and materials. The enclosed statement used for publicity purposes perhaps will make clear the approach we are using.

The committee is eager to have you and Alma Page come as resource people in the field of Christian faith and practice. We particularly desire the leadership you could give us in thinking about the religious roots of our pacifism and helping us to reflect upon that on which we are grounded. We would expect no prepared lectures. You would be available for whatever use the group might want to make of you during the 1½ hour morning adult program. The remainder of the day is largely given over to free choice of other activities.

We would very much appreciate an early response as to whether you can consider doing this assignment. Also, would you indicate what your financial requirements would be?

Sincerely yours,

  
Wilton Hartzler

cc. Louise Andrews, AFSC, Philadelphia

# First Christian Church of Santa Maria

Santa Maria, California



MINISTER: DONALD R. JARMAN

#27-54

Dear Kirby,

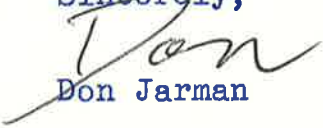
I am sorry that Dad was not at the meeting of the Disciples ministers in Los Angeles. I do believe he is interested. Since I last saw you I have talked to mother, (She is here while my wife is in the hospital---a new baby girl--Katharine Grace--born yesterday.) she said that Dad received your letter and intended to answer you.

I hope you understand some of the difficulty that arises down there. For many years after the break with Huntington Park the spirit of Christian Love was not too well extended to Dad at the Minister's meetings. Of course one can not say this was a one sided affair, but it has made Dad pull away somewhat from the brotherhood. Many have forgotten all that happened but some, it seems, fearful of their own positions wish to fan the fire occasionally. This to me has always been one of the black marks upon the ministry. Since I have come back to Calif. there has been a better spirit and Dad has taken more interest in the brotherhood.

He is doing a great work and reaching many people through his church and his radio messages. You know he is on KRKD at 7:45 A.M.? I believe He would have much to offer you in this matter and you could be a great help to him. Please make some effort to contact him again and I will push from my side.

I received a great deal of inspiration from our visit and hope that I will see you again soon.

Sincerely,

  
Don Jarman

120 Redwood  
Warren, Pa.  
May 27, 1954

Rev. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Rev. Page:

Your article fascinated me as it opened up new way of challenging others to prayer. Ten years ago I had the privilege of meeting with a group of women regularly for a day of prayer. But not since have I found those who would give the time. As I stated above, your article suggests a new way of challenging others.

I certainly would like to know more about methods of conducting such a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs E. T. Miller

# Christian Churches State Office

CLIFFORD A. COLE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
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May 28, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I am deeply impressed with the ideas of the Spiritual Exploration where men of various types can spend some time in Christian fellowship and prayer. I constantly feel that even the best Christian people are unwilling to attempt anything except what they can do for themselves; in other words, that too few of us are putting our dependence on God and his power to lead Christian people to strive to find and follow His will.

I trust a large number of our ministers will participate in the Exploration. I am sorry that the two meetings adjacent to my home are at Glendale and Los Angeles and both occur when I have scheduled meetings of importance.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,



Clifford A. Cole  
State Secretary



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May 28, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
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Dear Dr. Page:

I trust that our plan in my church to bring into being fifty neighborhood prayer groups will be a spiritual kindred program of yours.

These efforts and related ones will keep my single-minded interest and take the time required.

I therefore will have no time to work with closely or follow-up on the "Spiritual Exploration" which procedure you will agree is important for a man to do if he is to allow his name to be used in endorsement.

Be assured our groups will be with yours in seeking God's will for our troubled times and appropriating His power.

My prayer for the "Exploration" is that it may immediately find grass roots in the parishes of those who join in the exploration; the temptation will be to meet, study, plan, organize - when the purpose you have in mind is prayer - now! Success to you.

Cordially,



Russell J. Prentice

RJP:gc

State Street Christian Church

LAWRENCE H. SELLARS  
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May 28, 1954

Dear Kirby:

We thought the check had been sent. So hope this will cover your expenses.

Had planned to come for the ministers Retreat but <sup>our</sup> plans were changed. We were delighted to learn of the representation. We do want to be a part of this special Spiritual Exploration.   
Sincerely,  
Larry ✓

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May 28, 1954

Kirby Page, Ph.D., Box 247 - La Habra, Calif.

Yours of May 19, 1954! I would be very happy to join the group to consider the Spiritual Exploration, First Methodist Church, Glendale, Tues. June 1, 1954.

It so happens that I am very much overworked for last Official Board Meeting Sun. May 30; and Annual Church and Fourth Quarterly Conference, Sun. June 6.

Hence will be unable to be present. But keep me on your mailing list for further meetings. ✓  
John Wesley Grande, Minister

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May 28, 1954

My dear Dr. Page:

Will you make a place in your summer schedule for an article that could be published during the early fall months in Advance?

There are three reasons why I am writing to you. These can be stated briefly. 1. The readers of Advance need the kind of article you write; 2. It will give you an opportunity to say to the members of our fellowship the most important thing you have on your mind and heart; 3. Such an article will give you a hand in shaping the thought of the people who are the leaders of our churches. I know that articles such as yours are responsible for our extraordinary increase in subscriptions.

The article should be approximately 1,800 words in length. With many thanks for your past and present interest, I am,

Expectantly yours,

*Andrew Vance McCracken*

Andrew Vance McCracken

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, California

*Advance readers  
do like so much  
what you have done  
for us.*

Pasadena California  
Memorial Day 1954

Dear Miss Mary Dreier :

A few evenings ago I finished reading "Margaret Dreier Robins--Her Life Letters and Work". What an informing, challenging, amazing and inspiring account it is of your sister's extraordinary character and human-Christian service! How could one accomplish so much in one lifetime?

Dr Gene E Bartlett, minister of the First Baptist Church in Los Angeles, broadcasts every Saturday evening and opens his period with a brief story of some man or woman who has accomplished MUCH in some field under this "by line"----'lives of faith which give us faith in life'. Often when I hear him say those words I think of your beloved and sainted sister.

It was my high privilege to meet her twice only, as related in the little character sketch I wrote about "Colonel RR" (which you and Lisa cheered me by saying "we like it")--once in the Chicago home and then in 1940 at Chinsegut. Margaret Dreier Robins was the sort of person many of us wish might have lived to be. 125...provided her physical, mental and spiritual faculties could remain at par. The sick old world needs at least 1000 of her vision and leadership right now.

On the inside margin of the cover flap I note that I have written down 22 different pages where I am to turn for special help and strength. 36 to 42, 48, 62--63, 87 (see enclosed sheet), 122--123, 174--175, 191--193, 265--268 are among those pages.

My sincerest and heartiest thank you for enriching my life very greatly thru this permanently valuable gift you have made me. I am planning to multiply her influence by loaning to friends who can appreciate her goodness and greatness.

Kirby and Alma Page live only an hours drive from our home. They honor us by calling every few weeks for an hours chat. He speaks with appreciation of your helpfulness some years ago in his far flung vital work for better social conditions and genuine religion.

With best wishes all ways and always for you and Miss Lisa and Colonel Robins, I am

Most gratefully yours ,

May 30, 1954

Dear Kirby Page,

Thank you for  
your kindly remembrance  
of your long time friend.

I had thought of your  
living in Whittier and when  
my letter was returned to me,  
I had to appeal to Milton Meyer  
of the Progressive. I am glad  
I found you again. I am  
glad you are still alive and  
active in the work you love.

I always tell my friends  
that "I am nearly a hundred!"  
In fact I shall be 89 next  
August. I am feeble and walk  
with a cane and my son and  
his wife help me go out in the  
car which is seldom. So you

will never see one again, even  
if you came to Chicago.

But I am glad to have your  
program of prayer retreats.

I have my Peace Literature as  
I have had thru the years.

F. O. R. World Alliance ~~for~~ Inter-  
national Friendship Through the Relig-  
ion. W. I. L. P. F. World Federalist.  
I might add etc, etc. etc!

I forget many names and many  
things but my son says I have  
not lost my mind!

I cannot think of your being  
old enough to retire.

With best wishes now and always

Yours faithfully

Florence L. Grant

P. S. I forgot to say, I am quite deaf  
but I have a hearing aid,

F. L. G.

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Monday

5/31

Dear Kirby

Leaving for a month starting  
yesterday has made it very difficult  
to follow up many of our clergy.

I have spoken to the following  
who wish to be considered as favoring  
the movement & wouldn't object to the  
use of their names:

✓ The Rev John R. Bill  
Rector of St Peter's Parish, San Pedro  
(415 W 10th St.)

✓ The Rev Paul ~~W~~ <sup>W</sup> Wheeler  
Rector of St James Parish, Newport - Balboa  
(3209 Via Lido, Newport Beach, Calif.)

✓ The Rev Charles Howard Perry  
Rector of St Stephen's Church, Hollywood  
6128 Yucca St., Hollywood 28

I haven't caught up with the Bishops  
though & telephoned & tried. So I  
am writing a note to Bishop

Campbell seeking his support.  
St. Matthias Episcopal Church

What you are turning out is  
first-rate

R. E. F.